



**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2163
Docket No.: 1619.1016**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Jun IBUKI, et al.

Serial No. 10/028,423

Group Art Unit: 2163

Confirmation No. 4360

Filed: December 28, 2001

Examiner: Cheryl M. SHECHTMAN

For: QUERIES-AND-RESPONSES PROCESSING METHOD, QUERIES-AND-RESPONSES PROCESSING PROGRAM, QUERIES-AND-RESPONSES PROCESSING PROGRAM RECORDING MEDIUM, AND QUERIES-AND-RESPONSES PROCESSING APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: BOX AF

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted for filing with an RCE being filed concurrently herewith. This Preliminary Amendment, further, is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed July 12, 2006, and the Advisory Action mailed December 7, 2006. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to January 12, 2006.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.